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SUBJECT: TITO SPEECH IN SARAJEVO AIMS AT COOLING OFF

ZONE B DISPUTE WITH ITALY

1. SUMMARY: TITO GAVE MAJOR SPEECH IN SARAJEVO APRIL 15 IN WHICH HE ATTACKED THOSE ABROAD WHO WERE WAITING FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO FALL APART, ATTACKED ITALIANS FOR BRINGING PRESSURE ON YUGOSLAVIA BY CREATING ISSUE OVER WHAT WAS ONCE ZONE B "BUT TODAY IS YUGOSLAVIA", BUT ENDED BY CALLING FOR A CALMING DOWN OF THIS DISPUTE, WHICH HE SAID YUGOSLAVS DID NOT WISH TO FAN ANY FURTHER. TITO MAINTAINED IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT US HELD MANEUVERS WITH ITALY IN ADRIATIC AND ON YUGOSLAV BORDERS AT TIME OF DISPUTE AND CHARGED THAT "LARGE NUMBER" IN EUROPE AND US DID NOT WANT SOLUTION ON EUROPEAN SECURITY TO BE REACHED. END SUMMARY.

2. TITO ENDED 14-DAY STAY IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA WITH VISIT TO SARAJEVO APRIL 15. HE WAS GIVEN BIG WELCOME, WITH OVER 100,000 PEOPLE WAITING IN RAIN TO SEE GLIMPSE OF
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HIM AS CAVALCADE OF MERCEDES SPED PAST. TO AUDIENCE OF

REPUBLIC LEADERS AND "SOCIAL-POLITICAL WORKERS" OF SARAJEVO, TITO DELIVERED HIS FIRST BIG SPEECH IN MANY MONTHS. HE STARTED BY EMPHASIZING UNITY OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH HE SAID WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE BEING PUT ON COUNTRY. "SOME HAVE WRITTEN THAT I HAD A STROKE...THESE TYPES ARE WAITING FOR (YUGOSLAVIA) TO FALL APART SO THAT THEY CAN GAIN SOMETHING THEMSELVES".

3. TITO QUICKLY LAUNCHED INTO ATTACK ON ITALIANS FOR MAKING ISSUE OVER ZONE B. ASSERTING IT WAS YUGOSLAVIA WHO SACRIFICED ZONE A UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE ALLIES, TITO STATED THERE IS "NO LONGER ANY ZONE B, IT IS YUGOSLAVIA". HE POINTEDLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THE STATEMENT "IF WE SOMEDAY MIGHT EVER HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT (WITH THE ITALIANS) THEN, PERHAPS, ONLY SOME CONCRETE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BORDER - TO OUR ADVANTAGE OR TO THEIRS - IF THAT IS WHAT THEY WANT. IF THEY DON'T, WE ARE SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE HAVE". DESPITE ITALIAN PRETENSIONS AND PRESSURE AND DESPITE ATLANTIC PACT INVOLVEMENT ("IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THE AMERICANS CARRIED OUT MANEUVERS WITH THEM ON THE ADRIATIC, RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR NOSE, AROUND OUR BRODER"), TITO SAID, "WE HAVE NO REASON TO SEEKREVENGE. I WOULD LIKE, AND I THINK IT IS NECESSARY, THAT WE NOW CALM THIS SITUATION, BUT TO REMAIN ON GUARD...IT WILL REMAIN A SCAR ON OUR RELATIONS, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO FURTHER INFLAME THIS ISSUE, RATHER TO TURN TOWARDS CALMING IT."

4. IN ADDRESSING SUBJECT OF US-ITALIAN JOINT MANEUVERS TITO WENT ON TO CHARGE: "THEY HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SET UP THERE AROUND OUR BORDERS. THEY HAVE THEIR LAUNCHING PADS THERE, AIMED AT YUGOSLAVIA. THEY SAID THEY ARE AIMED AT THE SOVIET UNION. YES, OVER OUR HEADS..."SITUATION REQUIRED YUGOSLAVS TO BE ON THEIR GUARD ALTHOUGH AT SAME TIME THEY HOPED FOR BEST. TITO DERIDED THOSE IN WEST WHO TRIED TO SCARE YUGOSLAVS RE THREAT FROM SOVIETS. "I KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT WE DO NOT NEED TO FEAR THE SOVIET UNION." SINCE DAYS OF STALIN, YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN READY TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ANY THREATS; RELATIONS WITH USSR NOW "GOOD".
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